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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: 056208.53268US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: **Car Control Apparatus and Control Method**

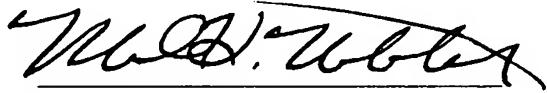
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 12 claims (pages 1-118).
2. 21 Sheets of X Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-22.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (**executed**).
4. Application Data Sheet
5. Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd. and Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha
6. Certified copy of Priority Document 2003-089851 filed in Japan on March 28, 2003, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
7. Information Disclosure Statement w/1 reference.
8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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